

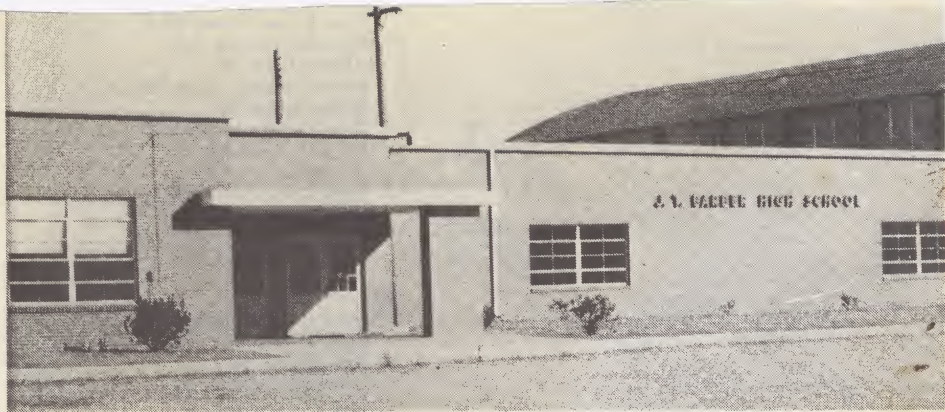
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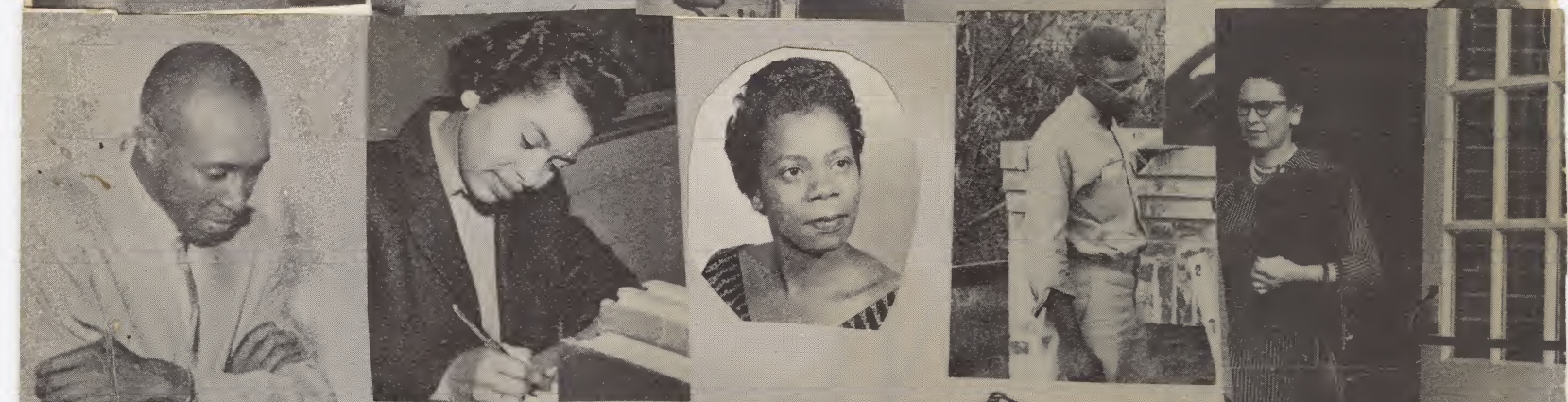
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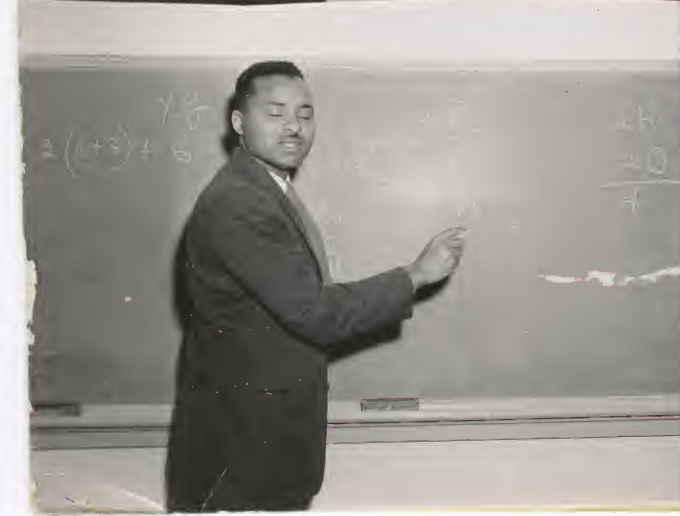


J. T. BARBER HIGH SCHOOL











THE WEST STREET HIGH SCHOOL BAND OF '17

Mr. P. M. Jenkins, Director

Helen Marie Dove  
"Butter Cup"

"A man makes more opportunities than he finds."

Band 1,2,3; Dance Group 1,2; Phy. Educ. Club 1.



Annie Marie Frazier  
"Sister"--"Mell"

"Have a lust for thine own work and thou shalt be safe".

Volley Ball 1; Dance Group 1,3; Class Ass. Sec. 3; Band 1,2,3,4; Softball 3; Paper Staff 4; "Miss West Street" 4; Dance Club 1.



Marjorie Delores Dudley  
"De"

"Be not the first by whom the new is tried, nor yet the last to lay the old aside."

G1. club 1; class Sec.2; N.H.A. Treas. 2,3,4; Biol. medal 2; Lib. club 3; Lib. Staff 3,4; Paper staff 4; Ed. Annual 4; French Club 4; R.C.C. 4



Vivian Delores Fuller  
"Slim"

"To strive, to seek, to find, but not to yield".

Glee Club 1; Phy. Educ. Club 1; Dance group 1.



Bertha L. Fonville

"Laugh where we must be candid where we can; but vindicate the ways of God to man."

Physical Education Club 1; Glee Club 3.



Ethel M. George  
"Plum"

"Great opportunities come to all but many do not know they have them".

Basketball 1,2; Phy. Educ. Club 1-2; N.H.A. Treas. 3,4; Lib. Club 3; Paper Staff 4; French Club 4.



Irene Fonville  
"Kiddy"

"Honor and shame from no condition rise; act well your part, there all the honor lies".

Physical Education Club 1; Glee Club 3 French Club 4.



James M. George, Jr.  
"Jimmy De Jinx"

"It is better to have no ideas than false ones."

Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Student Band Dir. 3,4; Joe Louis Club 1,2; Basketball 1; French Club 4; Dance Club 4.



Agnes Romona Gibbs  
"Ray"

"One never rises so high as when one does not know where one is going."

Student Council 3;  
Glee Club 3; Lib.  
Club Treas. 3; French  
Club 4; Library Club  
4.



George Green  
"Vert"

"Know thyself, presume not God to scan. The proper study of mankind is man."

Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Home  
Eco. Club 4; Club  
Intellectual 4; Paper  
Staff 4; French Club  
4.



Delores Godette  
"Dee"

"A wise man makes more opportunities than he finds."

Basketball 1;  
Paper Staff 4.



Ella Marie Gustus  
"Fats"

"Trust thyself; every heart vibrates to the iron string."

Glee Club 1; Phy. Ed.  
Club 1; Lance Group  
1, 2, 3; Band 1, 2, 3.



Delores Marie  
Gorham  
"Flappy"

"Many receive advice, only the wise profit by it."

Basketball 1; Dance  
Group 1, 2, 3; Glee  
Club 3; Dramatic  
Guild 3, 4; Student  
Council 4; Cheerleader  
1, 2, 3; Home Eco.  
Club 2, 3, 4; French  
Club 4.



Halice Suetta  
Hargett  
"Early"

"Life is empty without humor."

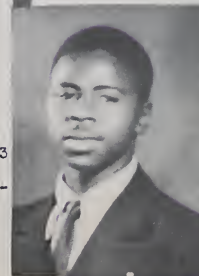
Glee Club 1, 2, 3;  
Physical Education  
Club 1; Basketball  
1.



Arthur L. Greene  
"Ark"

"Strive to excel, not to equal."

Physical Education  
Club 1; Lib. Club 3  
Treas. of French  
Club 4; Club Intellectual  
4; Home  
Economics Club 4.



Osric Hargett

"It takes a life time to build a character but it could be lost in a minute."

N.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Phy.  
Ed. Club 2; Band 1, 2,  
3, 4; Planet 3, 4; Fr.  
3, 4; Cheering Squad 4  
Dramatic Guild 4;  
Student Council 4;  
Band Sec. 3, 4.



Geraldine M. Harris  
"Jerry"

"To strive to seek,  
to find but not to  
yield."

Volley Ball 1; Glee  
Club 1,2,3; Dance  
Group 1; Cheering  
Squad 1,2,3; Basket-  
ball 1; Paper Staff  
3.

James E. Hayes  
"Jacques"

"Anything that is 1  
logically possible  
is possible attain-  
able....if I but  
think it so."  
Band 1,2,3,4; Student  
Council 3; Library  
Club 3; Dram. Guild 3;  
Pres. Dram. Guild 4;  
French Club 4;  
Club Intellectual  
President 4.

Ida Franks Hooks  
"Sis"

"Character is what  
you are; reputation  
is what men is what  
men think you are."

Basketball 1.

Mable Hickman  
"Chick"

"To strive to seek  
to find, but not to  
yield."

Physical Education  
Club 1.

George Leonard  
Hill, Jr.  
"Junior"

"Yesterday is gone,  
forget it; Tomorrow  
is coming, think of  
it."

Glee Club 1,3; Basket-  
ball 1,2,3,4; Foot-  
ball 1,2,3,4; Soft-  
ball 1,2,3,4; Joe  
Louis Club 1,2;  
Club Intellectual 4;  
Home Eco. 4; French  
Club 4.

Gossie Harold  
Hudson  
"Rabbit"

"Laugh where we  
must, be candid when  
we can; But vindicate  
the ways of God to  
man."

Band 1,2,3,4; Foot-  
ball 4; Basketball  
1,2,3,4; Softball 1,  
2,3,4; Dram. Guild 4;  
Club Intellectual 4;  
Glee Club 4.

Bertha Lae Humphrey  
"Bert"

"Great moments and  
opportunities come  
to all, but many do  
not know that they  
have met them."

Physical Education  
Club 1; Glee Club  
2,3.

Willie Louise  
Knight  
"Tiny"

"No great deed is  
done by falterers  
who ask for certain-  
ty."

Physical Educ. Club  
1; Basketball 1;  
Class Committee Ch.  
4.

Verlinda Leary  
"Dimples"

"Honor and shame  
from no condition  
rise; Act well your  
part, there all the  
honor lies."

Physical Education  
Club 1.



Herbert Glenn  
Lofton, Jr.

"What I am and what  
I hope to be, I owe  
it to God, my people  
and my friends."

Physical Education  
Club 1,2; Softball  
1,2; Band 1,2,3.



James A. Lofton  
"Tick"

"Honor and shame  
from no condition  
rise; Act well your  
part; there all the  
honor lies."

Bricklaying Club 2,  
Softball 1; Glee Club  
2; Home Eco. Club 1.



Annie Elizabeth  
Manley

"Little Bit"

"Any man who has a  
job has a chance."

Physical Education  
Club 1; Dance Club 1.



Lessie Martin  
"Mart"

"Necessity and chan-  
ces approach me not,  
and what I will is  
faith."

Band 1,2,3,4; N.H.A.  
1; Phy. Educ. 3; Soft-  
ball 3; Basketball  
3.

George O. McCleave  
"Dob"

"Hope springs etern-  
al in the human br-  
east; man never is  
but always to be  
blessed."

Glee Club 2; Soft-  
ball 1; Basketball  
1; Home Economics  
Club 4.



Doris Eugenia  
McManus  
"Dot"

"Honor and shame from  
no condition rise  
act well your part;  
there all the honor  
lies."

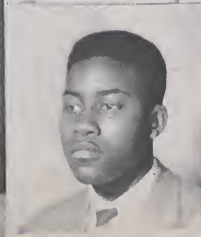
Physical Education  
Club 1; Dance Club  
1; Glee Club 4; Sec.  
French Club 4.



Sylvester Daniel  
Midgett, II  
"Jack"

"Act well your part,  
there all the honor  
lies."

Glee Club 1; Basket-  
ball 1,2,3; Softball  
1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,  
4; Track team Mgr. 1,  
4; Football 3,4; Tech;  
Dramatic Guild 3,4;  
Varsity 3.



Rita Mills

"Reet"

"Insist on yourself; never imitate. Your own gift you can present every moment with the cumulative force of a whole life's cumulative!"

Olee Club 1,2,3,4; Phy. Ed. Club 2; Dance Club 2, Cheerleader 3; Class Fin. Sec. 3; Annual Staff 4; Jr. Red Cross Council 4; French Club 4; Assoc. Ed. of the Planet 4.



Thomas H. Nixon

"Tommy Nicky"

"By sowing frugality, we reap liberty, a golden harvest."

Basketball 1,2,3; Joe Louis Club 1,2; Softball 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; V. Pres. Band 4 Paper Staff Pub. Mgr. 3,4; Annual Staff Pub. Mgr. 3,4; Student Council 4 Sec. Club Intellectual 4; Pres. French Club 4.



Edna Earl Moore

"Toots"

"Seeing is believing, knowing is complete understanding."

Home Eco. Club 1,2; French Club 4.



Clara Bow Sanders

"Bow"

"Be kind to the people you meet on your way up the ladder of success, you may meet them on your way down."



Edward Leroy Moore

"Joe Jenks"

"laugh where we must, be candid where you can, but vindicate the word of God to man."

Football 1,2,3,4; Softball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 2,3; Joe Louis Club 2.



Linster E. Sanders

"Limp"

"Nothing is to be gained, thence but by labor."

Student Council 1; Football 3; Varsity Club 3; Mixed Group 4.

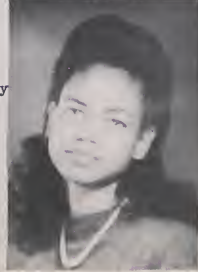


Mable Moore

"Mae"

"Youth is the opportunity to do something and become something."

Home Eco. Club 1; Dramatic Club 3.



Ethel Mae Simmons

"Little Greer"

"All that I am or ever hoe to be, I owe to God and my friends."

Home Eco. Club 1,2; V. Pres. of Class 2; Paper Staff 1,2,3; Glee Club 1,2,3,4.



William Smith  
"Bait"

"I dare do all that  
may become a man;  
who does do more is  
none."

Joe Louis Athletic  
Club 1,2; Basketball  
2,3; Trainer Foot-  
ball 2,3,4; Softball  
1,2,3,4.

Horace Lee Spruill  
"Babe"

"Knowledge comes but  
wisdom lingers."

French Club 3,4; Phy.  
Educ. Club 1; Planet  
Photographer 4,3.

Donald Augustus  
Taylor  
"Bird"

"Understanding is a  
wellspring of life  
unto him that has it

Glee Club 1,2; Bask-  
etball 1,2; Joe  
Louis Club 2; Soft-  
ball 1,2,3,4; Dram-  
atic Guild 3,4; Asst.  
Movie projectionist  
3,4.

George Haywood  
Whitfield  
"Falcon"

"Hope springs eternal  
in the human br-  
east; man never is,  
but always to be  
blessed."

Joe Louis Athletic  
Club 1; Home Eco. 4.

Maggie Elizabeth  
Williams  
"Meg"

"Know thyself, pre-  
sume not God to scan  
The proper study of  
mankind is man."

Donald Wallace  
"Fats"

"If I cannot do gre-  
at things, I will do  
small things in a  
great way."

Basketball 1,2;  
French Club 4; Class  
Treasurer 3.

"Finis"

## — Senior Superlatives —

"Best All Around"

Rita Mills  
George Woods



"Most Studious"

Osric Hargett  
Gilbert Taylor



"Most Intelligent"

Gertha Henderson  
Arthur Green



"Most Athletic"

Lessie Martin  
George Baucom



"Best Dressed"

Geraldine Harris  
James Hayes



"Cutest"

Mable Moore  
Athur Green



"Best Looking"

Helen Dove  
Walter Carter



"Class Flirt"

Annie Frazier  
George Green



"Best In Dramatics"

Delores Dudley  
Junious Joyner



"Most Dignified"

Delores Dudley  
Thomas Nixon



# — Senior Superlatives —

"Most Original"

Ethel Simmons  
Walter Peterson



"Most Bashful"

Verlinda Leary  
James Dawson



"Wittiest"

Halice Hargett  
Gossie Hudson



"Most Likely To Succeed"

Osric Hargett  
Gilbert Taylor



"Class Giggers"

Halice Hargett  
Gossie Hudson



"Best Personality"

Florizell Cooke  
George Woods



"Most Popular"

Annie Frazier  
George Baucom



"Best Dancers"

Annie Manly  
George Green



Most Musical

Osric Hargett  
James George)



"Most Vivacious"

Halice Hargett  
George Whitfield



# CLASS HISTORY

Traveling through a cloudy sky in the midst of the gray atmosphere, we the "Seniors of '49" recollect the interesting episodes of our journey, which at first was very dark, but soon came to light.

We "took off" in the autumn of '45 with a crew of over one hundred. You can imagine how excited and nervous we were among the upper classmen. After a few months of careful guidance we soon became accustomed to high school life. To guide our willing minds, we had as our patient and kind instructors Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Bemby, Mrs. Mizell, Mrs. Danyus, Mr. Carrington, Mrs. Fisher, Miss Roach, Mrs. Stewart, Mr. Boley and Mr. Mizell.

After assembling ourselves into the high school family, we began to participate in the various activities which were a vital part of our school life. The musical talent of our class found an outlet in the Glee Club and band. George Hill, Evelyn Bell, Delores Dudley, Halice Hargett, and Willie Knight became members of the Glee Club. Members of the band were Thomas Nixon, Osric Hargett, Herbert Lofton, Gossie Hudson, Junius Joyner, Helen Dove, Annie Frazier, Ella Gustus, James Hayes, Sylvester Midgett, James George and George Green. Displaying great athletic interest were Charlie Staten, George Woods, George Hill and Leroy Moore.

Junius Joyner showed great promise in the field of dramatics by participating in the high school play "The Red-Headed Stepchild."

The experiences of our first year enabled us to enter upon our second year of high school with well established ideals and with a vision of greater accomplishments.

Completing a successful freshman year with clearer visibility and a rapidly turning propeller, we entered over sophomore year. This year, 1946-47, saw many changes. Our ever encouraging instructors were Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Rivers, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Bemby, Mrs. Danyus, Mr. Bell, Mr. Carrington, Mrs. Fisher and Mrs. Mizell. This year the sophomore class organized with high ideals. We had for officers - Junius Joyner - Pres., Ethel Simmons - Vice Pres., Delores Dudley Sec., George Baucom - Ast. Sec., and Gilbert Taylor - Treau. We were represented in the Home Eco. Club by Gertrude Deans - Vice Pres., Marie Gornham, Florizell Cooke, and Delores Dudley - Treau. On the paper staff was Gilbert Taylor, Junius Joyner and Charlie Staten. As in the previous year we were represented in the Glee Club, band and varsity team.

Delores Dudley and Junius Joyner were members of the cast of the play "No Greater Love" which was presented at the dramatic tournament held in Fayetteville.

With the added maturity of another year, as Juniors of '47-'48, came more strenuous preparation for encounters with study. Our advisors with their unwavering guidance were Mr. Boley and Mrs. Jones. For this new trip through the educational atmosphere our class officers were George Woods - Pres., Gilbert Taylor - Vice Pres., Gertha Henderson - Sec., Annie Frazier - Ast. Sec., Donald Wallace - Treau. Within a few short months it became our time to honor the "Seniors of '48" with a Junior-Senior Prom. For this long dreamed of affair we were full of plans and excitement. May 7th found the girls dressed in beautiful gowns and the boys in dark attire, all having a wonderful time. As this trip ended we were proud of our marks and the end of examinations.

Nineteen hundred forty nine found us flying high as the altimeter registers happy and proud "Seniors," a name we wear with great dignity. We chose as our Chief Pilot - Charles Staten, Co-pilot - George Woods, other members - Florizell Cooke - Sec., Gertha Henderson - Ast. Sec., Gilbert Taylor - Treau., Walter Peterson - Flan. Sec., and Junius Joyner - Navigator.

Displaying great talent and bringing many victories on the football field were George Baucom, George Woods, Charles Staten, Gilbert Taylor, Junius Joyner, George Hill, and Willie Smith who upheld the seniors with unfailing courage and exceptional sportsmanship. Between the halves of our homecoming one of our members - Annie Frazier received the honor of being crowned "Miss West Street".

Keeping up their musical talent were Osric Hargett, James Hayes, Thomas Nixon and James George.

From the depths of our hearts we sincerely hope that our honored "Senior Class" has acted wisely throughout the four years. Although we have completed one major flight, we hope to reach higher altitudes in the "World of Tomorrow". As our long journey nears its end, we level off for a happy landing.

Delores Dudley and Gilbert Taylor, Historians

# CLASS WILL

We, the class of 1949, in the town of New Bern, the County of Craven, and the state of North Carolina, being in as good mental condition as usual, and in much better temper than usual, do hereby make this, our last will and testament, rendering void and of no avail any former will or wills that may have been previously made by us during a period of temporary optimism.

I. To our principal we give and bequeath a sense of relief that we have at last been graduated, pleasant memories of our four years together, and a feeling of pride in any great deeds or noteworthy achievements that our future may contain, realizing that such glories if any will owe much to his example and counsel.

II. To our teachers, the faculty of the West Street High School, we hereby give, free from all inheritance, luxury, or income tax, our entire store of knowledge. From them it came and to them it should be returned, that others may be benefited by it as we have been.

We also give and bequeath to our teachers our very kindest regards and our sincere gratitude for their unflinching kindness and aid.

III. To our dear old school building, we leave the peaceful quiet caused by our absence and any apple cores, wads of gum, or crumpled notes we may have left about.

IV. To the Junior Class, we give, reluctantly but of necessity our mantle of dignity, our good luck and our well known nerve.

V. To the Sophomore Class, we leave our patience. It will be found useful as the only means by which they can endure the Juniors.

VI. To the young and unsophisticated Freshmen, we leave a map of the school building, so that they will not get lost and roam about in everybody's way looking for their classes.

VII. To the laziest member of the senior class to be, we bequeath Rita Mills' ambition.

VIII. To certain individuals we bequeath our most valued possessions, friendship's, hoping that those who are striving to follow in our footsteps, may use these gifts to strengthen their steps in the path we trod. May they use them with competence and gratitude.

1. Floriell Cooke wills her high to Beatrice Simmens and her personality to her sister Orpha Cooke.

2. James Hayes bequeath his ability to play drums to all of the drummers of the West Street School.

3. Delores Dudley leaves her acting ability to her dear sister, Allene, and her dignity to her cousin Barbara Rivers.

4. Arthur Green wills his "good conduct" to his brother George Green.

5. George Hill leaves to Joseph Hill and James Reid his ability to keep cool, calm,

6. Junius Joyner bequeaths to his brother, Charles, his dramatic ability.

7. Lenard Clark wills to Solomon Crooms his ability to pass a football, and to Louis Green his ability to receive a football.

8. George Greene wills his ability to dance to Raymond Andrews.

9. Walter Carter wills to William Robinson his teases and mustache.

10. Lorenza Best wills his bricklaying trowel to his brother Edward Best.

11. Ethel George wills her ability to play hard to get and Turtle - neck sweater to Lois Howard.

12. George Whitfield wills his vivaciousness to George Stanley.

13. Ramona Gibbs wills her dimples to Allene Dudley.

14. George Baucum wills his football shoes to Vernen Taylor and his speed to Alva Moore.

15. Mable Hickman wills her personality to her sister Elsie Hickman.

16. Delores Fuller wills her slimness to Charlotte Harris.

17. William Smith wills his medical knowledge to Charles A. Brown.

18. Gessie Hudson leaves his musical ability to Harold Lofton, his football position to George Stanley.

19. Edna Moore wills her personality to Pinilula Johnson.

20. Doris McManus wills her shyness to Sadie Poole.

21. Rita Mills wills her ability to strive, to seek, to find, but not to yield to Maggie Hawkins and her personality to Mary Lofton.

22. Gertha Henderson wills her ability to keep cool, calm, and collected to her sister Emma Henderson.

23. Donald Taylor wills his ability to overcome all obstacles that confront him to Louis Green and James Staten.

24. Donald Wallace wills his dancing ability to David Wright.

25. James George wills his musical ability to James Williams.

26. Geraldine Harris wills her ability to keep shoes to Carrie Blount.

27. James Benjamin wills his height and ability to keep cool, calm, and collected at all times to Clem Deve.

28. Halice Hargett wills her spryness and personality to Georgianna Bryan.

29. Sylvester Midgett wills his position in the Varsity to Isaac (Gabe) Ridley.
30. Gertrude Deans wills her ability to play a piano to Carole Sawyer.
31. Linster E. Sanders wills to Odell Channel his seat in the Senior Class and to Hugh Jones his ability to solve problems in mathematics.
32. Walter Peterson wills to anyone his ability to persevere though others be against him.
33. Lessie Martin wills her athletic ability to Ella Fulton and her musical ability to Joan Martin.
34. Suddie Carter wills her personality to Winifred Pearson and her eyes to Katie Farrow.
35. Catherine Blake wills her neatness to Rosa Suggs and her freckles to Pearl Moore.
36. Clara Sanders wills her sewing ability to Carrie Bunting.
37. Horace Spruill wills his wisdom and knowledge to Laura McCoy.
38. Bertia Dobson wills her ability to succeed to Rebecca Hickman.
39. Marie Gorham wills her ability to keep a secret to Burnette Martin.
40. Maggie Williams wishes success in school to her brother Abraham Williams.
41. George Woods wills to Earl (Pickles) Jones his basketball ability and to John Martin his No. 55 Football Jersey.
42. George McCleave wills his heavy voice to his cousin Richard McCleave.
43. Bertha Humphrey wills her Chemistry book to Barbara Rivers.
44. Charles Staten wills his popularity to James Murrell and his speed and athletic ability to Hugh Jones.
45. Herbert Lofton wills to Joe Hill his drums and his vivaciousness to Preston Hill.
46. Verlinda Leary wills her ability to grin and to bear it to her sister Ethel Leary.
47. Willie Knight wills her ability to grin and sense of humor to Doris Simmons.
48. Rachel Boyd leaves her quietness to Lourae Fisher.
49. Annie Manley leaves her dancing ability to Barbara Rivers.
50. James Dawson wills his quietness to James Daniels.
51. Ida Hooks wills her quietness to the Strayhorne sisters.
52. Bernice Dove wills to her brother, Clemm Dove, her quietness and dignity.
53. Velma Becton leaves to her sister, Earnestine, her glasses and position in the N. H. A. Club.
54. Essie Dillahunt wills her ability to arrive at school on time to the Pleasant Hill Students.
55. Gilbert Taylor leaves his ability to grasp things quickly to James (Fats) Murrell and his non-chalant way to Vernon Taylor.
56. Ella Gustus bequeaths her walk to Carrie Blount and her hair styles to Christabell Jones.
57. Ethel Simmons wills her knowledge of history to Thomas Richardson and her determination to Marie Taylor.
58. Annie Frasier bequeaths her liveness to David Sanders, and her marching ability to Marie Brown.
59. Mable Moore wills her shyness and quietness to Lois Howard.
60. Helen Dove wills her Be-Bops to Ella Fulton.
61. Thomas Nixon wills to his sister, Elaine, his desirable position in the Senior Class.
62. Delores Godette wills her slimness to Georgie Dawson.
63. Carrie Hargett leaves her ability to Daisy McManus and her musical knowledge to Kay Smith.
64. Leroy Moore wills his ability to play football to Harold Lofton.
65. Bertha Fonville wills to her sister, Lenora, her personality.
66. Hazel Dawson wills her ability to sew to Mary Lofton.
67. Irene Fonville wills her slimness to Bernice Dawson.
68. James Lofton wills his ability to keep out of other people's business to William Robinson.

Finally we, the class of 1949, do hereby name and appoint the sole executors of this our last will and testament, our class advisors Mrs. B. L. Rivers and Mr. R. W. Boley.

In witness whereof we, the class of 1949, the testators have to have this will set our hand and seal on this 10th day of June in the year of 1949.

Rita Mills

Testator

Witnesses:

Gertha Henderson  
James Benjamin  
Bernice Dove  
Charles Staten

# CLASS PROPHECY

The year is 1959, the town is San Francisco, the state is California. As I look through my High School Annual dating back to 1949, I see a photo of the football team at the front of the book. My, what a rugged looking picture! It looked good in those days, though.

Pardon me a moment, there is someone ringing at the door. Well, well, look who's here, one of my old friends and classmates, Junius Joyner, who is practicing law now in Chicago. Here comes another gang down the street. I wonder who it could be making all that noise. Look! why at the head of the parade are Gilbert Taylor and Ethel George. They were two love birds in high school. I wonder how they stand now. He is a mathematician and she is a business woman. Well, what do you know? There's the whole gang. Here comes George Baucom who is construction engineer now in New Haven, Connecticut. There are Rita Mills, Catherine Blake, Suddie Carter, Delores Godette, Bertie Dobson, Mable Hickman, and Willie Knight who are all nurses. There are Dr. Leroy Moore and Dr. James Lorton. They both have offices on 8th Avenue in New York City. A little competition, don't you think?

I was beginning to wonder why all my classmates were beginning to turn up all of a sudden. It has just occurred to me that this is class reunion night, and I am supposed to be the host. So now we'll get on with the party and really have some fun.

There are George Woods and George Green in the corner conversing with Gertha Henderson. I guess I'll go over and join the conversation. As you know they are leaders in the fields of laboratory technician, mechanics, and teaching, respectively.

There is a little commotion over by the radio. I wonder what it is. I think I'll go over and see. Oh! what a shame, the radio is broken and there's not a technician in the house anywhere. There's someone at the door now. I'll see who it is. Why it's Donald Taylor, just the person we want to see. He's a radio technician in Philadelphia. Maybe he can repair the radio.

Now that the radio is fixed, we shall continue with the party. I nearly forgot, we don't need the radio anymore, we have Gossie Hudson, Herbert Lofton and James George in the house. They are musicians, and by a stroke of fate, they brought their instruments along.

Look! over by the window. Why there're Gertrude Deans and George Hill. I didn't know they were here. Nevertheless, they are, and seem to be doing fine in their fields--physical education and pharmacy. Oh! Here's Delores Dudley, I didn't think that she would be here tonight. She's rearing a son and daughter in Philadelphia. As you know, she's a housewife and a very fine one, too, I hear.

Donald Wallace and Leonard Clarke are now entering the house. I read in last week's paper about their prosperous business as morticians. The account was written by Ethel Simmons who is a newspaper reporter in Boston, Mass.

Everyone is admiring the dress Helen Dove is wearing. She is a great stylist and seamstress. Clara Saunders also practices the same sort of work in Cleveland, Ohio.

There is another one of my old schoolmates coming in now. It looks from here like Geraldine Harris, who is a librarian. Essie Dillshunt is with her. I hear that she is a stenographer for Walter Carter. How about that? They graduated from high school together in '49 and are still together today.

Let's go over and see how Annie Frazier is making out. She's sitting over in the corner with a beautiful hair style, one of her own creations. She is a beautician. Maggie Williams is a wonderful beautician also. She resides in Pittsburgh, Pa. at present.

Someone made a comment about my winding stairs. I informed them that Arthur Greene, Willie Smith, George Whitfield, and Linster Sanders designed this house for me. They are all great architects here in California.

Sylvester Midgette is a little late coming. He has just finished a construction job in Cairo. He's a civil engineer.

Excuse me a moment, please, I see Thomas Nixon over at the punch table and he seems to be discussing the impediments that confronted him before he could become a success in dentistry. His office is on Fifth Avenue in New York City.

We have also here with us tonight four teachers: Ramona Gibbs, a high school teacher in New Jersey; Marie Gorham, a physical education instructor at Howard University; Florizell Cooke, a history teacher; and Velma Becton, a home economics teacher in their own home town, New Bern, N. C.

Some of the fellows are beginning to leave and there I see George McGlease who is an auto mechanic, conversing with Horace Spruill who is a Psychiatrist at Tuskegee Institute.

Well, it seems as if all the gang is leaving for home, but before everyone leaves, I want to tell you that we all had a wonderful time tonight. It seemed like High School days again. By the way, it looks as if I'm the only one who is not married, but I'll put the ring on someone's finger someday.

The next reunion 1960, just one year from today, at the home of Oarie Hargett in Trenton, N. J. Walter Peterson was elected our new Alumni president and he will send announcements about next year's plans.

Goodnight everyone.

Charles Staten  
Class Prophet

Witnessess:

Ethel Simmons  
Walter Peterson

#### CLASS POEM

Oh! West Street High, it's time for us to part,  
The years have passed, our work has been approved!  
We give the all the honors and tribute.  
Thank you teachers for helping us thus far,  
Oh! West Street High, your walls and ground we cherish,  
Forever may you linger in our hearts.

Oh! West Street High, we bid farewell to thee,  
We can ne'er forget our hardships and our sorrows.  
We pledge allegiance to you now and forever.  
Farewell, farewell, our parting time has come.  
We'll ne'er forget our dear old West Street High.  
Our time has come farewell, farewell, farewell.

Getrude Deans

#### CLASS SONG "The Hour Of Parting" Tune "Amici"

Our strong ties of years together  
We can ne'er forget  
And our thoughts will ever linger  
Here at West Street High

Now we thank thee parents, teachers  
For your loyalty;  
We will always remember,  
Days at West Street High

#### Chorus

Hail Alma Mater  
We do part,  
The class of "Forty Nine"  
Far into the wide, wide world,  
We are going now.



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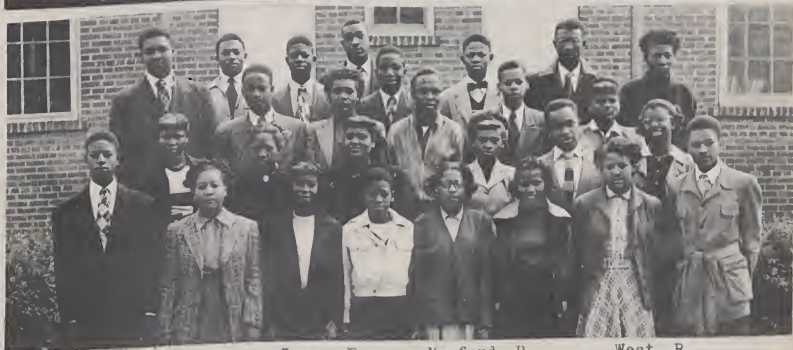
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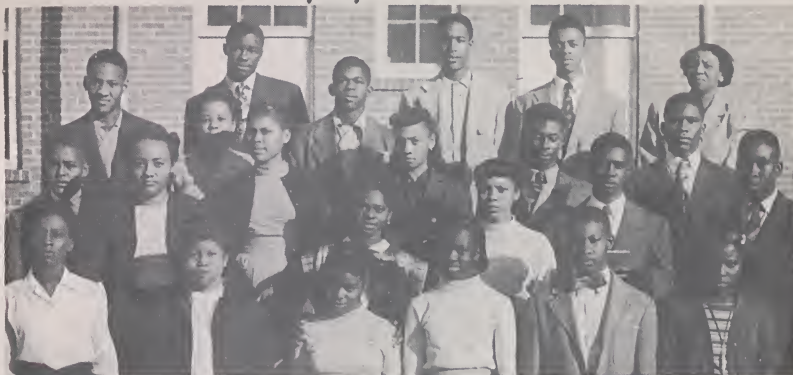
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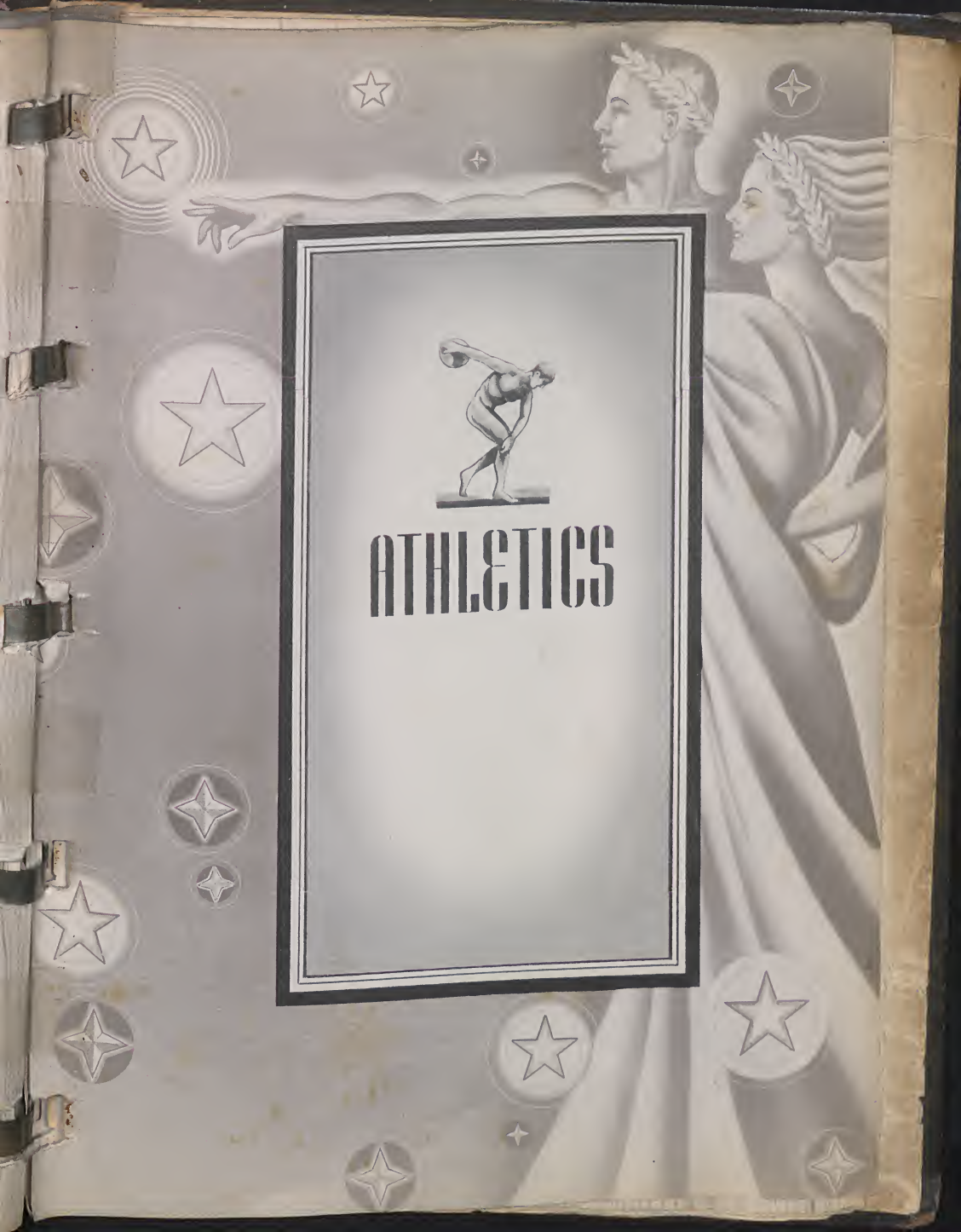
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